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APPLICANT	Eckart Matthes et al.
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FOR	CHIMERIC OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND THE USE THEREOF

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

I, the undersigned declarant, hereby declare as follows:

I am a named inventor in the above-referenced application;

I am a German citizen and I reside in Halle, Germany;

I have read the March 31, 2005 Office Action in connection with the above identified application.

Based upon the teachings of the specification, I and the co-inventors conducted the experiment set forth in detail in the document attached as Exhibit 2.

I declare that based on the teachings of the specification and what was known in the art at the time of filing, that there is sufficient guidance to allow the skilled artisan to use the claimed oligonucleotide compounds in a method for inhibiting telomerase activity in tumor cells in a mammal without undue experimentation.

All statements made herein on knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date:

28.07.2005

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